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MODERN SCIENCE and the Youth of Today

By the late Dr. Harry Rimmer
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THE ISSUE STATED

It is a dangerous venture to lift the voice against entrenched bigotry, but the time has come when some of us should register a protest. For a generation the schools of America have been in the grip of a strange philosophy which really has become a religion, and when any man lifts a protest against this fortified error he is called ignorant, and an enemy of science! For in this generation of intrenchment, organized ignorance, under the banner of evolution, has persuaded the scholarly classes that the opponent of their exploded theory has no right to be heard on the ground that ALL SCIENTISTS AGREE ON THE FACT OF EVOLUTION, AND ANYTHING ELSE IS NOT SCIENCE!

The author feels he does not have to defend himself from the charge of antagonism to science, as he is professionally engaged in scientific research, but it will not be wasted words to take space to say HE IS A FRIEND OF TRUE SCIENCE. There is a difference between science and scientific opinion, and it is the latter that is often meant when we say "modern" science.

A science is a correlated body of absolute knowledge. When knowledge on a subject has been refined and is absolute, the knowledge of those facts becomes the science of that subject. But "modern" science is the opinion of current thought on many subjects, and has not yet been tested or proved. When the test is made, this "modern" science generally fails, and passes on to new theories and hypotheses. But this never hinders a certain type of dogmatists from falling into the same

error, and positively asserting a new theory as a scientifically established fact. The author desires to clearly distinguish in this article between true science, (which is knowledge gained and verified) and "modern" science, which is so largely speculation and theory. It is this "modern" science which has become the fetish of modern American scholastic youth. Whatever is promulgated in the name of "modern" science is eagerly accepted at its face value. So with a faith infantile, and a credulity amazing and vast, they swallow the camel of science and strain at the gnat of Scripture.

The conditions among the student bodies of the nation are causing many earnest thinkers grave concern. In many cases the

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Dr. Harry Rimmer

Modern Critics Beset Fundamentalist

Billy Graham

By the Editor

"Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against his anointed . . ." —Ps. 2:1, 2.

On Wednesday, March 14, Billy Graham returned to the United States from a round-the-world tour of some sixty days. This editor, along with about sixty-five other newsmen, reporters, news cameramen and a TV cameraman, met Mr. Graham at a news conference at the Conrad Hilton Hotel in Chicago at 6 p. m. It was good to see Dr. Graham again. He was tanned from brief days in Honolulu. We had a short time of fellowship. His staff had sent on to him some parts of THE SWORD OF THE LORD.

In the news conference Dr. Graham had a thrilling story to tell. He spoke through interpreters everywhere on his tour except Hawaii. The crowds were enormous. In each public service the attendance averaged between 30,000

and 40,000 people. In services for ministers in India, an average of 7,000 preachers and missionaries was present! Dr. Graham said, "The greatest blessing of God on the tour was not in the addresses to the largest crowds but in the meetings for ministers."

In Japan 90 per cent of all ministers were present in two services to hear Dr. Graham. It was thrilling to hear Dr. Graham tell how everywhere, in every country, the simple Gospel, preached in the power of the Holy Spirit, brought the same results. Simply, quietly, without any high pressure, tens of thousands of people in the various services came forward to claim Christ as Saviour and are being followed up and car-

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Dr. Billy Graham

The Precious Blood of Jesus

By Evangelist Joe Henry Hankins, D.D.

(SERMON PREACHED OCTOBER 8, 1943, AT CLAIM STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, AURORA, ILLINOIS. STENOGRAPHICALLY REPORTED FOR THE SWORD OF THE LORD.)

We read two passages, first, I John 1:7:

"The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin."

The other is I Peter 1:18-19:

"Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot."

IN THESE TWO SCRIPTURES THERE ARE TWO THINGS WHICH STAND IN CONTRAST WITH EACH OTHER. THERE IS SIN ON THE ONE HAND AND THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST ON THE OTHER.

I. What Sin Does

Sin is the most tragic fact in human life, the blackest page in human history. The saddest day in the history of the human race was when sin entered the world. Paul said, "By one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin." One of the strangest things in human life to me is why people will listen to the Devil and follow sin; why people cannot learn by observation and by the experience of the human race for six thousand years that sin does not pay. Sin robs human life of everything that is really worth while.

1. Sin Is Destructive

When Paul said, "The wages of sin is death," he was not merely talking about physical death, but about spiritual death also. Those two are included in it. But the wages of sin is death to everything that is worthwhile in human life. It is death to human character. It is death to happiness. Oh, how it destroys! That is what Paul means

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study, the authors of that book came to the conclusion that sin costs the average man in America twenty-five years of his life. Think of it! The price of sin costs the av-

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Dr. Joe Henry Hankins

For Younger Readers

Someone Is Watching

By Alice Hitchcock

"Thou God seest me." —Gen. 16:13.

Pearl Brown lived across the street from a beautiful old mansion. There was a lovely walled garden at one side and Pearl often wished she might go inside and see all the beautiful flowers. But there was a stern-looking old gardener, who didn't look as if he would allow children inside the wall. One day Pearl noticed that the stern-faced gardener was gone. Instead there was a round-faced, jolly-looking fellow busy with a hoe.

"Do you suppose he would allow us to go in and see the flowers?" Pearl asked her little sister Lois.

"Want to see flowers," Lois cried. "Want to smell flowers."

Pearl walked up close to the wall. The round-faced gardener looked up.

"Hello, there!" he said, with a smile.

Pearl spoke as politely as she knew how. Lois smiled and showed her pretty dimples.

"We would love to see all the flowers in there," Pearl told him.

"Come right in," the gardener invited. "You may walk along the gravel paths and see them all. But you must not pull them. Mr. Saunders would be angry if you were to destroy his flowers. There are several little folks in the garden now. They all promised to be very careful and not to pull the blossoms."

"Oh, thank you," Pearl beamed. "We won't touch a single flower."

Pearl took Lois by the hand, and together the little girls walked along the pretty paths. Finally Lois became tired of being led. She wriggled loose and ran ahead of Pearl. Up the path she went toward the stone steps that led into the rose garden.

All of a sudden Pearl heard a cry. It sounded very much like Lois' voice. Pearl rushed up the path toward the stone steps. The sight that met her eyes made Pearl throw up her hands in horror. She could not even utter a word as she stood looking at Lois with wide eyes and an open mouth!

For that mischievous child had strewn roses all over the walk. Piles of red, pink, and yellow petals lay everywhere. She had pulled the roses and torn them apart!

"Lois!" cried Pearl after a moment. "Lois, what have you done?"

"Old pin on the pretty rose stuck Lois," the baby answered, holding up an injured finger.

"Oh, Lois, what shall we do?" Pearl moaned. "Just look at the lovely flowers you have ruined. Whatever will the gardener say?"

The little girl did not seem to understand what mischief she had done, but poor Pearl knew that this was the last time she would ever be allowed into the beautiful garden. Suddenly a thought came

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THE EDITOR'S Notes

by John R. Rice

We have been having a tremendous mail during Letter Month. I thank every one of you who have written! It is wonderful to hear from our friends. Your counsel, your encouragement, the reports of good things God has done for you, and your promises to pray—thank you and God bless every reader!

Here Is Our Chance!

It is with genuine joy that I tell you I think I have found one of the best possible places to invest money for the Lord where it will bring eternal results. I think you will want to prayerfully consider this opportunity to help get out the Gospel over the whole world and lay up treasure in Heaven by a very fruitful investment for Christ.

As readers of THE SWORD OF THE LORD know, we have sent over \$10,000 worth of free books to bona fide students of the ministry now in training in recognized schools. These books were given upon written request by young men who filled out a very carefully planned questionnaire. Now we find that most of these students writing us for free literature under strict limitations do not get THE SWORD OF THE LORD, but want it. Everyone of them wrote us for free literature. Each one specifically said they did not get THE SWORD OF THE LORD. Each one is now in actual training for the ministry and we estimate that more than half of them are already preaching regularly.

We want to send a year's subscription to THE SWORD OF THE LORD to everyone of those ministerial students who say they do not get THE SWORD OF THE LORD but who asked us for particular help in Christian literature. Our approximately 50 workers here in the Sword of the Lord offices were greatly thrilled at this opportunity and they have paid for the subscriptions of 542 of these men. They have given happily and generously. That leaves 973 who still need subscriptions to THE SWORD. Most of them are very poor. The vast majority are working their way through college or seminary or Bible institute. They are openhearted. They have asked for help in preparing for the ministry. It will cost us \$1.50 per year for each of these students, a total of \$1,459.50 to pay for these subscriptions.

And here is another part of this great opportunity. Missionary Ellsworth Culver of the Oriental Crusades has made friends with the archbishop of the Independent Catholic Church in the Philippine Islands. Missionary Culver has preached in their churches. He was asked to provide some good sound literature for the priests of

this Independent Catholic Church. He got in touch with us and a year or so ago we furnished thousands of dollars worth of books for these priests and were glad to do it.

Now Dr. Billy Graham has just returned from the Philippine Islands and Brother Ellsworth Culver writes me that there is a great new concern for evangelism among these Independent Catholic Church priests in the Philippine Islands. With the co-operation of the archbishop and the administration of the denomination itself, he sends me the names and addresses of 311 of these priests, and asks that we send them THE SWORD OF THE LORD. And they will receive it favorably because it comes by a clear agreement with their archbishop. They have already been provided by us with thousands of dollars worth of my books, and many of them feel deeply grateful and have been greatly stirred. I think this is one of the very best possible investments. It will cost us \$2 a year to send the paper to one of these Independent Catholic priests in the Philippine Islands for a year. But THE SWORD OF THE LORD may, in that time, be the greatest single influence for good in the lives of these ministers. It will take \$622 to pay for 311 one-year subscriptions for these priests.

The Independent Catholic Church broke away from the Roman Catholic Church. They have been greatly influenced in the past by Unitarians and modernists. Now their hearts are hungry and they want help and have asked for it. In Jesus' name let us not fail them.

An earnest Christian organization has just sent me 38 names of the most influential people in a nation in the Near East where large evangelistic efforts are soon to be made. It is asked that we send THE SWORD OF THE LORD to these influential people, to acquaint them with the Gospel. They are friendly to America, they are leaders in thought, and many of them are unsaved. We are writing a nice letter. I feel we should make this investment in \$76 for subscriptions.

That means that we need a total of \$2,157.50 for the three groups mentioned. Today I am getting together as large a gift as I feel I can to put in our Ministers and Missionary Subscription Gift Fund to help on these subscriptions. Many of you can give more than I can. Everyone who is burdened can give something. Surely here is a mission cause worthy of your help. I beg you to pray about it and do what you can and what you feel you ought to do at once, because the money is needed at once. Will you send your gift to the Ministers and Missionary Subscription Gift Fund? Address your letter to the Sword of the Lord, 214 West Wesley, Wheaton, Illinois.

Dr. Harry Rimmer, Though in Heaven, Yet Speaks
Readers will be deeply interested in the article by the late Dr.

Harry Rimmer on "Modern Science and the Youth of Today" as printed in this issue of THE SWORD. Dr. Rimmer is in Heaven. But his voice is still strong and clear in defense of the Word of God. It has become popular in some pseudo-intellectual circles to sneer at Harry Rimmer, William Jennings Bryan, W. B. Riley, and those of us yet living who follow them in straight-out defense of the faith. But it is a good deal easier to sneer at Dr. Rimmer than it ever was to face him, as many an infidel college professor found out to his sorrow! This article of Dr. Rimmer's was published thirty years ago. Some of the men quoted and their opinions may be out of date, but they are still typical, and, thank God, the scriptural facts never change, and the arguments of Dr. Rimmer in favor of the Bible are still as potent and as applicable as ever! I suggest that you see that the young people in your home, in your Sunday School class, and others who need help, are encouraged to read this striking and fascinating article. The Bible really is true. Evolution as an explanation of this world and the life that is on it is a silly hoax which has no scientific proof but only the opinions of opinionated, unbelieving men. Read Dr. Rimmer's "Modern Science and the Youth of Today."

The Editor to Make Happy Visits to Three Schools

Last Monday and Tuesday, March 19 and 20, I visited Highland Park Baptist Church, Chattanooga, in an important meeting of pastors from many parts of the South, and visited with the beloved Tennessee Temple Schools. They are doing a tremendous work with 812 students enrolled in the college, Bible school, and seminary, most of them planning for full-time Christian work. Dr. Lee Roberson is the president.

April 5 to 8 I go to speak at the annual Bible Conference at Bob Jones University, Greenville, South Carolina. It is always a tremendous and thrilling experience to visit the school where there are some 2,800 students, with about 1,000 ministerial students, and many, many others planning for the foreign mission field. Friends of Bob Jones University will visit from far and near at that time. The conference runs from April 1 to 8. This editor will be among the speakers the last four days of the conference.

This editor is greatly honored to be invited to give the commencement address at the Missionary Training Institute at Nyack, New York, on Monday, May 28. Dr. Moseley is the noble president of this school, one of the oldest of the Bible training schools and Bible colleges, founded by Dr. A. B. Simpson; here a great multitude of Christian workers, particularly of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, have been educated.

Then we will fly, God willing, to meet with other members of the board at the annual board meeting of Bob Jones University, Greenville, South Carolina.

May God bless these great Christian schools, true to the faith, with strong Spirit-filled leadership.

Who Will Lift This Burden?

THE SWORD OF THE LORD is having increasing influence for Christ and soul winning around the world, and for that we thank God. But we must have help to continue the tremendous work of THE SWORD, with a circulation of about 125,000 copies weekly. To God be all the glory for the good that is being done, souls saved, churches revived, God's preachers inspired and helped.

There is a tremendous burden on the editor which ought to be lifted. We work largely on borrowed capital. After Mrs. Rice and I put all we had to give into this nonprofit corporation and signed away every claim to the buildings and equipment, all claim to the big stock of books and pamphlets, all monetary rights in THE SWORD OF THE LORD, we still needed great amounts of money to carry on this work. The printing equipment, the office equipment and buildings needed, the tremendous amounts invested in books and printed material have meant that we must borrow capital to carry on this

Another Publisher Publishes Attack on Evangelism; Gets Ready to Go Broke

By the Editor

Years ago Dr. Lewis Sperry Chafer tried to be an evangelist, but did not stay in the field long. Then, after founding the Dallas Theological Seminary, he was pastor of Scofield Memorial Church there. Under his leadership the church dried up, few souls were saved, and pressure in the church compelled him to surrender the pastorate.

Dr. Chafer was a wonderfully good man, wrote some good books, did much good in Dallas Seminary, but he was so largely influenced by John Nelson Darby that he was a hyper-Calvinist and an ultradispensationalist, and this viewpoint made it impossible for him to have much success as a soul winner.

Dr. Chafer years ago wrote a book which is a vicious attack on evangelists and evangelism. It is called *True Evangelism*. In it he particularly attacked both the methods and message of Dr. R. A. Torrey and J. Wilbur Chapman, and other great soul winners. He told me in a letter that these, among others, were the men he had in mind. His book says that evangelists themselves are "a false force in evangelism." He says evangelists should never preach against sin. He says evangelists should never give a public invitation to accept Christ. He says the reason they did so was to make a big show in numbers and get more money. The book is unscriptural, hateful, harmful. Dr. W. B. Riley opposed Dr. Chafer's Anti-evangelistic teaching strongly. Evangelist John Brown years ago opposed it publicly. The book was banned in the Philadelphia School of the Bible years ago. Ten years ago some 45 soul winners, including the chief evangelists of our day, at Winona Lake, signed an earnest and humble petition, begging Moody Press to discontinue the publication of the book I offered to buy up the stock and the plates if they would discontinue the book. The petition was ignored. We could not even get a review by administration officials at Moody Institute. One evangelist was bought off by being put on the Founder's Week program at Moody, and renounced his opposition to the book. Others were given special publicity. Pressure was brought and the Sword of the Lord conference at Winona Lake, after three wonderful years of tremendous crowds and great blessing,

was cancelled. Mr. Constable, at Moody Press, brought out a new edition of *True Evangelism* and boasted that they would continue to sell it as long as money was to be made from it.

But all the time God had the thing in mind. God has ways of His own of defending soul winners.

Four Publishing Houses Down, One to Go!

This book, *True Evangelism*, has the curse of God on it. First it was published by an independent publisher. He lost money and dropped it out of print. Then Sunday School Times published it. Then they let it lapse out of print, found it unprofitable. Then Moody Press published it and advertised it very widely as a "revolutionary book" which evangelists needed! The hand of God was heavy on Moody Institute and Moody Press. So after valiantly fighting for it, they disposed of the book and others by Dr. Chafer. It was taken over by Van Kampen Press in Wheaton. Van Kampen Press ran a few years, lost tens of thousands of dollars, and went out of business.

Now Dunham Publishing Company in Findlay, Ohio, has taken over Dr. Chafer's books, and is putting out this wicked, slanderous attack on evangelism. It is unscriptural, heretical, false in doctrine. It slanders the best soul winners God has ever had in America, including Billy Graham, Merv Rosell, Jack Shuler, Bob Jones, Hyman Appelman, and others. Not that these men are named but their kind of work, their kind of preaching, their methods are described and the most wicked motives are ascribed to such men.

The curse of God is on this book. Now we suggest that spiritual Christians watch to see what God will do with Dr. Dunham and his publishing company.

Four publishing houses down and one to go! Men ought to listen to God when He deals with sin.

FOR YOUR PROTECTION

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Next week the famous Christian novel by Ralph Connor, *Black Rock*, will begin to run chapter by chapter, week after week, in THE SWORD OF THE LORD. It is a famous book; it has blessed many hearts. It will stir you to win souls, and we believe that this thrilling and exciting adventure story will be eagerly read.

We suggest that young people, and even worldly Christians, will find this novel fascinating. Do not think of it as something frivolous because it is a very moving story of western Canada years ago, with the miners and lumber men, with saloons and stagecoach—a story of the rough frontier days, yet a tender, beautiful and moving story of the power of the Gospel to save sinners.

If you wish to send subscriptions to loved ones and friends we hope you will do it at once so they may get the full Christian novel in the four months just coming. Rush your gift subscriptions or your own renewal so you will not miss an issue. I promise you that a feast of good things is coming! We will save extra copies so gift subscriptions may get every issue containing *BLACK ROCK* if you hurry.

In Jesus' name, pray for this capital funds. They ought to come to us in large gifts by people who are able to make large gifts. Will you who read this pray that this burden may be lifted from my shoulders?

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PRAISE

from a
Prisoner!

Sin always leads to grief and heartache! The age-old warning of Moses to the two-and-a-half tribes is as timely today as then: "Be sure your sin will find you out!" (Num. 32:23). Just as many strike out from Satan's curves in the twentieth century as in the first.

But, thank God, there is a blessed remedy available for every defeated sinner who wants it in the shed blood of God's only Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. During our 1956 Letter Month we received a touching letter from a young man who had been whipped in the game of sin, then found Christ and wrote to rejoice over the blessing THE SWORD OF THE LORD had been to him in prison. The letter was so moving we print it here for our readers to share. This Arkansas prisoner wrote as follows:

Dear Mr. John R. Rice:

This month is letter writing month for THE SWORD OF THE LORD. I cannot say that your most wonderful paper has brought me to the Lord. But since I have read it, and read your article stating you would like to hear from all your subscribers, I am going to tell you my story on how your paper helps me.

Mr. John Livingston, Pastor of the Church of the Open Door in Little Rock, Arkansas, wrote to you and got this magazine for me.

First of all, I want you to know that I am real proud that the honor has been bestowed on me to have the privilege of writing such a wonderful soul-saving man like you.

Second, I am in the Arkansas State Prison doing 21 years for armed robbery. Yes, I am a convict.

Third, I want you to know I am not trying to put the con on you, make you feel sorry for me, or anything. And, fourth, I am a very poor writer and make many mistakes. I hope you will forgive me for the many mistakes you will find in this letter. And last, whatever I say I am sincere. I have accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour and I have become so deeply in love with Jesus that I wish everyone else would see Him as I do.

My story starts in a jail house in Little Rock, Arkansas. I was there awaiting trial, and I hated the whole world and every thing about it. I figured I had completely destroyed my life. Then a minister came to see me. His name is Rev. Holland, pastor of Henderson Methodist church, in Little Rock. He asked me why didn't I accept God as my personal Saviour. I said, "Sir, you're just a little too late. I'm beyond help." But he wouldn't give up. Then it happened; before I knew it I was saved. Baptized there in jail, and myself praying. I don't believe I have ever felt that good in my life. But even though I was saved I had lots to learn. And your paper has been so fine and wonderful that I could thank you a million times and never be able to show my deepest appreciation.

Many times people have condemned me because I carry my Bible with me at all times. They can't understand why I didn't do all this when I was outside. You see my home was broken up when I was only a few months old. I never knew nothing but stealing what I wanted, and no one cared enough to stop me. But I've got everyone fooled. They think I have a Bible in one hand, a 38 in the other, but I have Jesus in that other hand just leading me along. I know He'll open those gates for me.

Bro. Rice here's my story; maybe not what you expected. But is my way, I guess, of showing you how Jesus is helping me, and your paper is helping me also. One last thing and I know it's asking a lot, I have no money or no one to get it from, but I sure would like the book to read *The Story of*

Dr. Ferre and Jesus

By Dr. Bob Shuler
50 Years a Methodist Minister

Dr. Ferre has recently taken to the news columns to defend himself. In speaking of his book, *The Sun and The Umbrella*, he says: "I used the name 'Jesus' for the human being; 'Christ' for the eternal Son; 'Jesus Christ' for the God-man." Immediately, we scratch our befuddled heads and ask, "But what about the Bible?"

The Bible teaches that a babe was born of a Virgin, the babe conceived by the Holy Ghost, and that God sent a messenger to instruct Joseph and Mary as to the name of this child. "He shall be called Jesus." Such were the heavenly orders. This Jesus, whom Dr. Ferre states was wholly human, "should save the people from their sins." (Acts 10:43, Peter preaching at Pentecost.)

This "play on words" would be childish and funny, were it not for the fact that Liberalism has chosen so deceiving a technique to mislead the people. Undoubtedly the incarnate Son of God, who declares that he was and is equal with the Father, came as Matthew and Luke record and as the proph-

ets foretold. Though He took upon Himself the frailties and weaknesses of sinful man, He was more than man. He was the Redeemer. He was the Savior of mankind. He was equal with God. He was God. He has been God from the beginning of all things. He will be God to the furthestmost limits of eternity. I speak of Jesus, born to Mary at Bethlehem.

You dare not claim that after the Holy Ghost, referred to by Luke as the Power of God, came upon and overshadowed Mary, there was born a mere human being. The incarnation is a great mystery, even to the most scholarly, but one thing is certain: the God-man was both God and man, not a man part of the time and God the remaining part.

The pride of scholarship, that clearly appears in all his references to himself, has lured Dr. Ferre into a pit from which he has difficulty extricating himself.

From *The Methodist Challenge*, March, 1956.

Dancing at Furman University

Furman University, Greenville, South Carolina, is a Southern Baptist school, supported through the Co-operative Program in South Carolina. For several years now there has been a very serious controversy among South Carolina Baptists over dancing and over drinking in fraternity houses, and over fraternities themselves. Several county-wide associations passed resolutions urging that fraternities be discontinued and that dances be prohibited, so last November 16, according to the *Greenville News*, "the South Carolina Baptist Convention today asked the Furman University trustees to abolish Greek letter social fraternities on the campus." There had been a great deal of pressure on the question of dancing heretofore, and now it seemed that there was no way to stop dancing and some excesses without abolishing the fraternities.

Before the State Convention acted, pressure from local county-wide associations of Baptist churches had led the board of

trustees to make certain decisions. The "Furman University Magazine" for October, 1955, reported, "In other words, only two things have been decided: fraternities will not be given houses of their own on the new campus, and the University will sponsor or lend its name to no dances, either fraternity or military." The *Greenville Piedmont* daily newspaper, Greenville, South Carolina, for December 8, 1953, had a five-column feature article with four pictures showing "Furman Fraternity 'Rush Week' Activities Pictured." A three-column picture was given of a dance sponsored by the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. The events took place at a supper club. There was "an Apache Dance, ably performed by Worth Cottingham and Mary Wells Hursey. The evening was climaxed with dancing to the music of a three-piece combo, and shown taking advantage of the soft music are Donny Harold, Jacqueline Cannon, Ruth Shockley and Bill Leake." The article continued, "Some of the events during the week included smokers and teas." A three-column cut shows dancing of couples and the cut line says, "The music was soft and sweet."

South Carolina Baptist preachers charge that chaperons at the fraternity dances are officially provided by the university and paid out of Co-operative Program money. The school, of course, is supported by Co-operative Program money given in South Carolina.

Also widely spread among South Carolina Baptists are two pamphlets compiled by Rev. J. Herbert Bidgood in July last year, and by Rev. C. L. Campbell in September, naming professors and giving quotations from teachers in Furman University who, these men say, deny the full inspiration and authority of the Bible, who believe man came by evolution, etc.

The mass of South Carolina Baptists feel that when they give money undesignated to the Co-operative Program they are helping to support worldliness and modernism like that in secular institutions in their land. Why should God's money be used in education which involves dancing, and pays modernistic teachers against the historic Christian faith?

Churchmen Visit Russia

By Dr. Carl McIntire
President International Council of Christian Churches,
Collingswood, New Jersey

Statement made on the departure of leaders of the National Council of Churches on an official visit to church leaders in Moscow as a part of an exchange with Soviet church leaders who will come to the United States in June, 1956.

The extending of the hand of Christian fellowship to the communist-appointed officials in charge of the church in Russia is a travesty to the Christian faith. This visit will help deceive people in the West, dishearten suffering Christians behind the Iron Curtain praying for liberation, and aid the Communist Party's new line in dealing with the free world.

Patriarch Alexei and Metropolitan Nicolai, the two top leaders with whom the National Council leaders are dealing, have committed the church totally to the communist line. The Christ they preach is a church-robed Marx, and their churches are licensed, subsidized, and controlled by the Communist Government for its sinister purposes both within the country and without, especially influencing the gullible church and political leaders in the West.

The last institutions on earth that should be a party to giving any kind of respectability to communism or to communist control of the churches are the churches in the U.S.A. It is absurd to talk about manifesting "the spiritual fellowship which is ours in Christ" with these personal agents of Khrushchev or "increasing mutual understanding" between Christianity and Red-appointed churchmen.

With Prof. Josef Hromadka, Prague, Czechoslovakia, the "No. 1" Protestant defender of communism, sitting on the central committee of the World Council of Churches together with others from communist-controlled

churches, they are marking up another success in their achievement of communist desires within high circles of the churches in the Western world. Khrushchev has found in the church and its shelter and protection in the West a most effective instrument for the promotion of his program of "peaceful coexistence" and of the communist "peace" line. The communist "peace" comes when there is one socialist world.

These National Council leaders are helping to perpetrate a communist fraud on the Western world.

Instead of extending a hand of fellowship to these betrayers in charge of the church in Russia,

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the churches of the West should be alerting the entire free world to the communist designs in the churches and their use in communist-controlled lands to advance the Red cause in the cold war.

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????????? Youth's Corner

Young People's Problems Answered

(This week we have a guest to answer the question—the late Dr. Harry Rimmer)

"In talking to my brother about salvation he said that he is waiting for an emotional experience to accompany his conversion. He wants to "feel" saved. Please tell us if this is scriptural, and what sort of feeling is he to expect."

I have often pondered the strange psychology of people who cannot act entirely on their reason and the evidence that is presented, but who have to have some kind of emotional experience before they can do the logical, the intelligent, and the responsible thing. When I have talked to people and have pressed them to accept Jesus Christ as their Saviour, many times they have said that they didn't have any feeling in the matter.

I have searched the Scriptures from beginning to end, and I cannot find any verse that reads like this: "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and get a tingling sensation up and down your backbone,

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by Our Missionary in TEL-AVIV

In a Tel-Aviv coffee shop I sat bare-headed, reading my New Testament. Suddenly a skull-capped orthodox Jew opposite me, not knowing it was the New Testament I was reading, burst out, "How dare you read the Holy Word with uncovered head? Don't you know that is forbidden?"

Startled when I challenged him to show me a commandment to support his position, he admitted that there was no Biblical injunction against my infringement of custom.

We started a lively conversation, while I prayed inwardly. My new acquaintance introduced himself as Dr. [redacted] in charge of the religious education of Israeli youth.

Tactfully, I explained that I belonged to a society made up mostly of Gentiles, who, motivated by their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, love the Jews, help them spiritually and materially—a society called THE FRIENDS OF ISRAEL.

The young doctor was impressed with Gentiles who have sympathy for Jews—but when he discovered that I, a Jew, also believed in Jesus as Messiah, he shouted at me, "Hamor!" (You Ass!)

His insult attracted a crowd of interested Jews, and before them all, I spoke of Balaam, whose life was saved by an ass. Then I quoted Isaiah, "The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib: but Israel doth not know, my people doth not consider."

"Now, my dear sir, my faith in the true King of Israel, seems to be foolish in your eyes—the braying of an ass. But as for me, the crucified Messiah is the power of God unto salvation. Search the Scriptures for yourself. Our prophets speak of Him, the pierced One... A man named Saul went to look for an ass, and found a kingdom. You too may find a kingdom through the braying of this 'foolish ass.' This kingdom is the kingdom of God, and its gates are open to all who believe in its King, Jesus the Messiah."

By now the waiters in the coffee shop were courteously trying to disperse the crowd which had gathered around our table. One by one the people went away thoughtfully. From my heart went out thanksgiving and a prayer that His Word may not have fallen upon deaf ears.

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and thou shalt be saved." Nowhere does the Scripture say, "Whosoever shall call upon the Name of the Lord, and have some kind of emotional feeling, shall be saved." The Scriptures set forth a promise of salvation in a clear, factual, and logical manner and teach that salvation is the result of the intelligent acceptance of Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord, and this acceptance is supposed to be made on the basis of the evidence offered.

When Jesus walked the earth He performed many wonders and miracles to prove that He was the Christ of the living God. The evidence of those wonders and miracles wrought by the Lord Jesus is preserved for us to our day and time and in the Book that we call the New Testament. Abundant evidence is given in that volume of the power of Jesus Christ to save.

For more than nineteen centuries men have been entering into everlasting life upon the simple condition that they openly and publicly confess Christ as their Redeemer and Lord. In our day there walk on all of the streets of our cities in America an innumerable company of born-again people who are living evidence of the fact that Jesus Christ does save. Some of these people have been what we call "down and outs"; some of them have been victims of sin, of uncleanness and all manner of evil living, yet when they simply accepted Christ as their Saviour and surrendered their lives to Him as Master and Lord, the transforming grace of Jesus Christ came into their hearts and they were born again.

Now this kind of evidence is all that a reasonable man should expect. When people say to me, "I won't accept Christ now because I have no feeling," I want to ask them, "What kind of a feeling are you waiting for? How will you recognize this feeling when it comes? Is there some peculiar kind of a skin-prickling sensation that tells you it is time to be saved?" That is not according to the Scriptures.

Let us look at the tenth chapter of Romans and see that this is entirely a matter of reason and intelligence, and an acceptance of the promise of God for salvation. Beginning with the 8th verse, we read, "The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

New, friend, where in that paragraph do you find any room for feeling, or any requirement or demand for emotion? That passage plainly states that there are two things a person has to believe to be a Christian, and only one thing he has to do. You must believe thoroughly in your heart that Jesus Christ was the Son of God, and then you must believe that He died, and rose again from the dead to save sinners. Believing that, you are now a candidate for salvation, and your salvation becomes implemented when you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and surrender your life to him by that public confession. That is why our Lord said, "Whosoever... shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 10:32, 33). In that promise there is no demand of a feeling, no emotional excitement, only a reasoned basis for belief. Then the warning follows in the next verse, "But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven."

Now the Scripture is very plain and clear on this matter, and it is climaxed in II Corinthians 5:17, "Wherefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creation: old things are passed away; behold, all things are in the process of being made new." Naturally, after you accept Christ as your Saviour

For Those Who Forgot!

By Evangelist Robert L. Sumner, Associate Editor

Our 1956 annual Letter Month closed at midnight last Tuesday night. At this writing, March 19, there is every indication that this year's effort was a huge success with thousands writing to tell of blessings the paper and our other literature had been to them. In addition, thousands sent in orders for books, renewed their own subscription or subscribed for others to THE SWORD OF THE LORD, sent gifts to the Free Literature Fund, the Ministers and Missionary Fund, and helped with other projects. We are pleased and grateful to everyone who wrote us during this time.

However, even in the flush of victory it is hard to forget the thousands of friends who were not interested enough to write us a word of encouragement. Of course we feel very badly about this neglect, this twentieth century manifestation of the nine lepers who did not come back and say, "Thank you." Now Letter Month is over and it is too late for anyone to write and get *The Story of Jesus* with any order or contribution or subscription. Neither can you get the free copy of *Watching Jesus Die* with every order, subscription or contribution of \$10 or more.

But it is not too late for people to do right and help pay their debt of gratitude for what the ministry of THE SWORD OF THE LORD has meant to their personal lives! The other day, as I was going through some of the old letters we have on file from friends who wrote in bygone days, I ran across a very interesting comment. The letter was from a brother in Indiana who wrote:

"May this order be a token of what I think of your paper. I don't know of a better one. I didn't write to you during your letter writing period, but let this show that I like your paper."

In the letter he had enclosed a check to cover the cost of 50 subscriptions to THE SWORD OF THE LORD for 50 friends to whom he had felt impressed to give the paper. Needless to say, we forgave him completely for not writing during Letter Month! The more I thought about what he had done, the more I thought possibly thousands of our readers might like to do the same thing.

Did you plan to write us a letter during Letter Month and then fail to do it? Are you one of the many who kept telling yourself as

you read each new issue of the paper with the Letter Month appeal that you would surely write a letter before the end of the period? And did you neglect to do so? Then why not show that your neglect and failure was not due to any lack of appreciation but simply a case of putting off what should have been done immediately. The best way possible to show this appreciation is after the manner of the Indiana brother who sent in 50 subscriptions to THE SWORD.

Why not send in as many subscriptions as you can, send in a contribution for Free Literature Fund, or send in an offering for the Ministers and Missionary Subscription Fund? Since you will not receive a free copy of *The Story of Jesus* or a free copy of *Watching Jesus Die*, it will be positive evidence that you are doing this only because of genuine love and appreciation for THE SWORD. You will not be doing it for what you can get out of it since you will not be getting anything out of it except the satisfaction of pleasing Christ and the kind of reward He always liberally grants to those who serve Him faithfully.

We have tremendous needs in every department of our work. We are trusting God to raise up thousands of friends who will contribute generously and help us build a new office building on our recently purchased property. We have letters from missionaries in a number of countries pleading for financial assistance in publishing thousands of copies of "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" in their languages and dialects. Our Ministers and Missionary subscription fund is suffering greatly because of lack of funds. Wouldn't you like to help us and show that you do stand

Dancing at Stetson, Florida Baptist University

Pastor Bob Gray of the Trinity Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Florida, is an honor graduate of Stetson University. He protested about dancing at Stetson University when he was there. Now from him comes this quotation clipped from the Jacksonville *Florida Times Union* for January 22, 1956. The clipping, concerning Stetson University, says:

"April 12 is the big day set aside for the 1956 edition of 'Hatter Holiday,' according to Joe Rhodes, DeLand, social vice-president of

there comes a psychological change. There comes a relief from the burden of sin. You are free from the consciousness of guilt. No longer is the fear of death in your heart. You now have a standing with God that gives you enjoyment you have never known before. After accepting Christ as your Saviour you are given spiritual understanding, and the power to read and to know the Word of God as no unconverted person can know it.

The first thing that you must do is come to an intelligent decision: "I will believe God. I will accept the promises He has made. I will confess Christ as my Saviour." Then the feelings begin to come. I think this young man has his cart before his horse. Instead of waiting for a feeling to tell him it is time to be saved, he should accept salvation first, then the joy that is in Christianity would bring to him all the feeling that a man has any capacity to retain.

Answered by Dr. Harry Rimmer in his book, THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION!

the student government association. Of particular interest is cancellation of all classes for the day, which will feature activities, contests, and competition among the various organizations on campus. High-lights of the festivities include selection of Mr. and Miss Stetson, and a dance that evening at the DeLand Armory."

So Stetson University has a dance at the DeLand Armory according to newspaper reports. The fact that it was off the campus does not make the university authorities less responsible.

Brother Gray publishes also resolutions from the Executive Board of the Miami Association of Baptists and from the New River Baptist Association. The one resolution urges that steps be taken to change the charter of Stetson University to be in the name of Florida Baptists, so they can control it. The other urges all the churches to designate all money given so as to leave out Stetson University.

We feel that that resolution, passed October 6, 1955 at Lawtey, Florida, shows that thousands of Florida Baptists feel it is a sin to support with God's money a school where dancing is taken for granted and where some teachers at least, they believe, are modernists.

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Ministerial Student Says Dancing and Drinking in Southern Baptist University

By the Editor

Readers may share with me the first seven paragraphs of a letter from a ministerial student, Bob Ellis, of Box 666, University of Richmond, Richmond, Virginia.

Readers will understand that this is a Southern Baptist school. Please notice that this ministerial student says, "Here on the University of Richmond Campus there is dancing and drinking . . ." If there is drinking on the campus, it may not be with the University's approval. But if there is regular dancing on the campus, it is a social affair either promoted or allowed by University authorities.

Now it is my feeling that people who want to give their money to support that kind of thing may do so, and those who do not want to support that kind of thing ought not to be criticized if they insist on designating money only to sound causes that a Christian can conscientiously support.

Now read the first seven paragraphs of Brother Ellis' letter.

"I am a senior ministerial student at the University of Richmond and have been accepted for admission to Southeastern Baptist Seminary in Wake Forest, North Carolina.

"I have received several issues of your newspaper as a gift. Some of the articles have been very enjoyable to me but others have puzzled me.

"If your newspaper is supposed to love the Lord, why do you print only one side of a question?

"Why do you write in an article condemning the Co-operative Program of the Southern Baptist about schools that are having dancing on them and just stop there?

"Here on the University of Richmond Campus there is dancing and drinking and I don't approve of them but also on this campus a group of ministerial students and young ladies give about two hours a week on Fridays to a home of people who are incurable and also

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Someone Is Watching

(Continued from page 1)
to her. Perhaps if she took Lois and ran out as quickly as she



"Oh! Lois, what shall we do?"

could, the gardener might not know who had destroyed his flowers. He might even blame those other children. Grabbing Lois' hand she began to run toward the gate.

"Hurry, hurry, maybe we can get out before he notices what you did."

When they reached the gate, the gardener was busy pulling weeds. His face was turned the other way. Pearl knew she could slip past without being seen. Just as she was about to do it, she remembered that Somebody had seen her. Someone who watched over the world night and day,

—The Prairie Overcomer.

We are glad to publish the following letter sent for publication by M. L. Maxwell, a Methodist layman of Robbinsville, North Carolina.

"I am a Methodist layman and it was with sorrow that I read of the district superintendent who was trying to defend Oxnam's attack on the 'God of the Old Testament.' I was shocked at the brazen dishonesty of such an one implying that John Wesley would have tolerated such blasphemy.

"As a Methodist, I would like to ask this 'leader' a few questions concerning what he calls, 'the God that Christ taught.'

"1. What do you think of him who will 'send forth his angels,' and 'gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; and shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth' (Matt. 13:41, 42)? Does 'this God that Christ taught,' seem any different from the one who ordered certain of the ancient tribes destroyed? Any less 'vindictive,' as you say?

"2. How do you really like the one who will say to those on the left hand, 'depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire' (Matt. 25:41)?

"3. What of him who condemned the cities of Israel that repented not, saying, 'It shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon'—'more tolerable for the land of Sodom'—than for thee' (Matt. 11:20-24)?

"4. Are you not aware that in Matt. 22 and Luke 21, our Lord clearly taught that the terrible destruction of Jerusalem was the wrath of God on its people for rejecting His Son? Is He who sent the Roman armies suiting you any better than Him who sent the armies of Israel?

"5. What do you really think of the God whom Christ knew? What do you do with such sayings of the Saviour as I have mentioned? Get rid of them, like you do the Old Testament? Then it is not 'Christ's' God that you like, but rather your God; a God whom you make to think just as you think, and to do what you would do, and not to do what you would not do! It seems very much to be the God of the whole Bible that you reject!

"6. A great many Methodists who are paying your salary, trusting that you and others like you, are honest enough to keep your ordination vows, are wondering if your God tolerates unfaithfulness

Someone who would be grieved if one of His little ones deceived. Pearl stopped short. If she told the gardener what had happened, she would never be allowed in the garden again. She hesitated, but not for long.

"Mr. Gardener," she said in a small voice, "I'm terribly sorry, I . . ."

"Why, what's wrong?" the astonished gardener asked. And Pearl told him what had happened. "Lois is so small, she didn't understand about pulling the roses, I guess."

"Come and show me which ones she pulled," the gardener said.

Pearl ran ahead. She bounded up the stone steps and pointed to the heap of petals lying there. Then she looked up into the face of the gardener. Why, he didn't look angry at all! He was smiling! Pearl couldn't understand.

"The little girl didn't pull the roses," he said. "Those are just old blossoms that I snipped off this morning so that the buds would grow nicer. You needn't have been so frightened, little Missy, but I am very glad to meet such an honest little girl. You and your sister may come in and see the flowers any time you like."

"Oh, thank you!" Pearl said with shining eyes. Only a few moments before, everything had been all wrong and now everything was just right. "And all because I remembered Jesus was watching me," Pearl said to herself.

We, too, should remember that Jesus sees everything. It helps us in our studies at school, in our play, in fact in everything we do.

—The Prairie Overcomer.

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Shuler Urges Return To 'Old-Time' Faith

(The above heading in the ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT, of Little Rock, for Feb. 22 was over the following report of a fine message by our dear friend and splendid evangelist, Dr. Jack Shuler. The report is given here in full).

Evangelist Jack Shuler told a crusade crowd in Robinson Auditorium last night that spiritual revival will come to America when the people repent of the sin of rejecting Christ and get back to the old-time faith of their fathers.

He preached on "Gullible Suckers and Saboteurs in the Pulpit." His subject tonight at 7:30 will be "What's Wrong with God?"

The Rev. Dave Cline, associate pastor of the First Nazarene Church, read the Scripture from II Timothy 4:1-8, the Apostle Paul's charge to a faithful servant of Christ in the time of apostasy.

Shuler declared the "old-time" faith of the Gospel is under attack in pulpits all over the nation. He said modernism denies the inspiration of the Scriptures, the deity of Jesus Christ, the virgin birth, the substitutionary atonement, justification by faith, and the second coming of Jesus Christ.

"Modernists of today, like the Judaizers of Paul's day, say 'Go to church, obey the commandments, and by your good works create a little Heaven on earth. Through good works we will be saved.'

"Paul, the apostle of Christ, said, 'Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration and the renewing of the Holy Ghost.' Paul said also, 'Though we or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you let him be accursed.'"

Shuler traced the rationalism that is in the pulpit today to Germany. He said it was borrowed from German philosophers when men went abroad before the first world war to study for doctor's degrees in theology.

"They (the philosophers) wanted a human explanation of sacred things," he said. "They taught the Bible was partially inspired, that it contained the Word of God, but was a book like Shakespeare. They gave a material explanation of the miracles. They began to trample over every sacred doctrine. They said the virgin birth was biologically impossible, that every man has a spark of divinity in him and is a son of God.

"They taught if people joined the church and lived up to those philosophies they would have a nation of supermen. That philosophy gave rise to Nazism. They say, 'We don't need God. We, as supermen with a spark of divinity in us, will rule God off His throne.'

"Communists have taken up that belief. They call themselves supermen. They say that they are superior people. They propose to conquer the world and bring it under the rule of supermen. They say, 'Every man is a little god, live for one another, and do good, and we will have a Heaven on earth.' There is no need for redemption, the new birth, justification, or the blood atonement, according to that philosophy."

The evangelist declared, "The result of such betrayal of the faith 'once delivered to the fathers' is more crime, more divorce, and more gambling than ever in history."

"It is popular to be a Christian," he declared. "God has made the hit parade. Hymns are sung in taverns and they trip the light fantastic to songs written about God. Even Hollywood has cashed in on religious moving pictures."

He declared that when the verities of the Christian faith are taken out of the Gospel of Christ the heart of the message is taken out and only a shell is left to present to the people.

"The Gospel without a heart cannot save," he declared. "America must repent and accept Jesus Christ as the Son of God. A real revival always turns sinners from their sins, puts down Satan, exalts Christ, and brings righteousness to the nation."

"God have mercy on us! The

Lord Jesus Christ gave us our message. He said it would not be popular. He told His disciples, 'They will insult you and spit in your face, but this is my message.' It is suitable for any nation and people."

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Bob Shuler Met These On the Trail

George C. Rankin

True, he wrote with a pen but he often wrote with a rapier.

John L. Lewis had nothing on George C. Rankin by way of shaggy eyebrows. Nor does Lewis boast more tenacity than characterized Rankin. Lewis has proven that he can stand against the President and win. But Rankin went him one better. He stood against the combined liquor forces of America and won. I was there when he did it.

I was associate editor of *The Home and State*, of which Dr. Rankin was the editor, when that old tiger of the Methodist church decided to expose one of the most gigantic programs of corruption and debauch ever attempted. Governors and legislators were being openly bought and controlled. The United States Congress felt the poison flow. Millions of dollars of liquor money were going into elections. Then George Rankin struck. He struck like a copperhead rather than like a rattlesnake. He struck to kill and he gave no warning.

I remember when Dr. Rankin sent me a ticket and asked me to come to Dallas, Texas, for a conference. He turned over to me and to a young lawyer named Keeling, (then Assistant Attorney General), the task of getting together the evidence for publication. It was one of the most thrilling assignments of my life. The evidence we got together filled almost two hundred pages of a special edition of *The Home and State*. When it came off the press, it was the greatest political explosion that the liquor traffic had ever known.

The exposure caused the state of Texas to prosecute the liquor combines that were guilty of wholesale corruption of law makers and public officials in general. Texas was the center of the mess. When the smoke cleared, fines amounting to millions of dollars were collected, men went to prison, public officials were defeated and retired in shame and disgrace and the deadly hold of the liquor forces was shattered.

Yet George C. Rankin was as tender and gentle as a mother with her firstborn, when hearts needed sympathy and his brother man called for help. I have seen him in the heat of a local option election, debating on the side of sobriety and righteousness, stand like a shaggy lion and literally gnash at his opponent. I have seen him sit on the platform waiting for his time to come. His teeth would be set, his rugged face would literally challenge the audience. He was mad. I mean it. He was "mad clean through." He was indignant. He hated the liquor traffic. You could see it in his gray eyes, blazing deep within their sockets. When he arose, a human cyclone was in action before you. Yet I have seen this same man preach an audience to tears and melt hard men with his tender entreaty.

Those were the days before pacifism was known in Methodism. Methodist preachers were soldiers. They were warriors bold. They were uncompromising champions of righteousness and truth. They would have rather died in boiling oil than to have compromised with the evils of their times. And George C. Rankin led the van in Texas. For years, he was the editor of the *Texas Christian Advocate*, the Conference publication that boasted the largest circulation of any Conference Advocate within all Methodism. At one time, his paper approached closely the circulation of the general organ of the entire church. He struck out with both hands and no man ever knew him to pull his punches.

George C. Rankin fought the vices of his day and he did more. He fought modernism, German higher criticism, every form of infidelity, whether within the church or out. He often warned Methodism of the false teachings that were creeping into her schools. He wrote about bishops just as he wrote about other men. He respected manhood and character in men of little position and of great renown. He despised sham and veneer, it mattered not whether he found such unworthiness in a circuit rider or in a connectional official.

I saw a letter which a bishop had written Rankin, soundly upbraiding him for certain editorials. I also saw a copy of Rankin's reply. In it was this line: "Brother, when you're right, you're a great man, but when you are deliberately and knowingly wrong, as you are now, you shrink to pitiful proportions." That was the philosophy of George C. Rankin, bluntly stated. He feared no man.

Dr. Rankin knew that he would not fit into the Methodist ecclesiastical machinery. Once his friends talked with him seriously about permitting them to offer his name for the episcopacy. He protested and finally refused. Few bishops could outreach him. I doubt if any could write as Rankin wrote. But he was not fitted for the episcopal office and he knew it. He was too rugged, too positive, too militant.

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Modern Critics Beset... Billy Graham

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ed for by missionaries and national pastors.

Dr. Graham is to have three major campaigns in the United States this year. The dates for these are as follows:

April 29 to May 20, Richmond, Virginia, in the city stadium.

June 3 to 24, Oklahoma City, in Taft Stadium.

September 30 to October 28, Louisville, Kentucky, in the Coliseum, Kentucky State Fair Grounds.

On other occasions Dr. Graham will be speaking to congressmen and senators of the United States, to the Southern Baptist Convention at Kansas City; at Winona Lake Bible Conference; at Montreal, North Carolina; at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina; and at Ocean Grove, New Jersey, in Presbyterian and Methodist conferences.

Modernists Attack the Old Gospel and the Christ of the Historic Christian Faith

The Scripture quoted above, Psalm 2:1, 2, says, "Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and his anointed" And that passage, as we are plainly told in Acts 4:25-27, foretold the combine of the people and the rulers in the crucifixion of the Saviour and in the fight against His apostles.

But modernists who carry on a tremendous fight against Dr. Billy Graham do it, we may be sure, because they are against the Christ of the New Testament, against the historic Christian Gospel preached with power by Dr. Graham. It is only as a preacher of the Christ of the Bible, a preacher of the historic Christian Gospel that Dr. Graham is attacked by modernists.

A Methodist churchman in England protested that Billy Graham's theology was "forty years out of date," and that the new converts would need to be "theologically re-educated." It was the historic Christian faith Billy Graham preached to which the modernist objected.

In Scotland, Dr. Sir George MacLeod, the modernist and socialist who tried so hard to prevent Dr. Graham's being invited to Scotland for the All-Scotland Crusade, publicly attacked Dr. Graham for his fundamentalism. He said, "The fundamentalism of Dr. Graham ill-accords with the work the Church has done these fifty years in relationship with science."

The Archbishop of York, in his recent article on "The Menace of Fundamentalism," is against the Christ and the Gospel of the Bible in assailing Dr. Graham.

The Christian Century on Sept. 21, 1955, editorially opposed the coming of Dr. Billy Graham to New York in 1957. They objected to "identifying Protestant Christianity with Billy Graham's limited objectives and his dubious presuppositions." They wanted a social gospel instead of the Gospel of salvation by the blood of Christ. They did not want a Gospel preached which would leave unconverted modernists outside the pale as unconverted sinners, which they are.

The editorial in the Methodist Christian Advocate last August opposed him as a fundamentalist, an out-and-out Bible preacher, a preacher of the historic Christian faith and the historic Christian Gospel.

But the fight grows sharper and there are new attacks by modernists.

"The London Times" Publishes a Series About Dr. Billy Graham Called "Fundamentalism—a Religious Problem"

We have just received a pamphlet published by *The London Times* of London, England, containing 17 letters to the editor and a leading article, all about the fundamentalism of Dr. Billy Graham. A great many people wrote *The London Times*, protesting against the invitation to Billy Graham to preach in Cambridge University last fall, because he is "a fundamentalist."

since he is "a fundamentalist." Others defended him. Among those who wrote *The Times* in August were four bishops: the Bishop of Durham, the Bishop of Plymouth, the Bishop of Southwell, and Bishop Jones; also Sir Lawrence Jones, professor in Cambridge University, and other officials in the Church of England. Canon H. K. Luce, of Durham wrote:

"Sir.—The recent increase of fundamentalism among university students cannot but cause concern to those whose work lies in religious education. No branch of education can make terms with an outlook which ignores the conclusions of modern scholarship in that particular department of knowledge.

"In this connection the proposal that Dr. Graham should conduct a mission to Cambridge University raises an issue which does not seem to have been squarely faced by Christians in this country. Universities exist for the advancement of learning; on what basis, therefore, can fundamentalism claim a hearing at Cambridge? . . ."

Immediately the Vicar of Cambridge University Church and Dr. John Burnaby, Regius Professor of Divinity, wrote *The Times* to say that a student group had invited Dr. Graham, and that neither the University nor the Church was committed to Dr. Graham's fundamentalist position. They wrote:

"Sir.—Canon Luce, in his letter to-day, questions the wisdom of inviting Dr. Graham, a fundamentalist, to address audiences in Cambridge University. For the avoidance of misunderstanding we would point out that Dr. Graham's visit is sponsored by an undergraduate body, the Cambridge Inter-Collegiate Christian Union. The representatives of this society, having invited Dr. Graham to Cambridge, asked permission to use the University Church—which was granted, on certain conditions. But this does not mean that the University Church endorses fundamentalist views. The mission is a private venture, and does not commit the University, or the Church in the University."

But there were answers addressed to *The Times* also. Dr. B. F. C. Atkinson wrote *The Times* as follows:

" . . . If you will allow me, may I suggest in reply that the mistake of modernism is to try to force a supernatural revelation into the mould of natural science and scholarship, and that the transient mould of present-day thought, which is ever changing, may in a short time be revolutionized? The gospel preached by Dr. Graham is in accord with true scholarship illumined by revelation. It originates in the New Testament, was preached by the early Church, by the reformers, and by Wesley, and it will still be preached when the modernistic conceptions of to-day have been superseded and discarded."

Bishop H. Gresford Jones, of Liverpool, wrote *The Times*:

" . . . The present situation is all part of the age-long battle between 'reason' and 'revelation.' And in a day in which the truths of 'revelation' are being evaporated and explained away on all sides, it is quite an enormous relief to thousands of us that Dr. Graham stands so fearlessly for these primary and essential things which modern scholarship has done so much not to disprove but to confirm."

And Lionel Gough wrote *The Times* August 25 that: "Fundamentalists' win converts in universities largely because they do what the apostles did: preach the Gospel. It is as simple as that . . ."

We wish we could quote the entire 17 letters. All of them show that the issue was clearly drawn. Dr. Billy Graham is a fundamentalist. He believes the Bible is

true. He believes that the blood of Jesus Christ is the only hope of a sinner. He preaches the historic Christian Gospel in plainness and power without wavering. And it is the historic Christian Gospel which modernists hate. They hated it in England. They hated it in Scotland. They hate it in New York.

"Time" Magazine Quotes Reinhold Niebuhr and John C. Bennett Against Billy Graham

In *Time* magazine for March 12, an editorial is quoted from the magazine, *Christianity and Crisis*, lamenting and opposing the proposed campaign of Dr. Billy Graham in New York in 1957. We quote *Time's* abbreviation of the article here in full:

Billy & Babylon

"We dread the prospect," says the current issue of the Protestant fortnightly **CHRISTIANITY AND CRISIS**. The prospect: Evangelist Billy Graham's next crusade in Manhattan, scheduled for some time in 1957. **CHRISTIANITY AND CRISIS**, edited by Theologians Reinhold Niebuhr and John C. Bennett, gives it reasons:

"Billy Graham is a personable, modest and appealing young man who has wedged considerable dramatic and demagogic gifts with a rather obscurantist version of the Christian faith. His message is not completely irrelevant to the broader social issues of the day, but it approaches irrelevance . . ."

"If Billy Graham were coming only to warm the hearts of the faithful and to effect a few genuine 'conversions' among those whose lives are confused and disorganized and who are sorely in need of a confrontation with the living God as revealed in Christ, we would not feel apprehensive about Billy Graham. But he comes with a well-organized team of publicity experts who will use all their talents and his to 'put him across' on radio and television and all the organs of mass communications.

"He will constantly present the 'Christian message' to an entire metropolitan center. This is of course a Babylon, whose 'sins' invite the denunciations of any 'prophet.' But the question is whether the prophet is able to discern the real sins of such a Babylon, or to appreciate the virtues of such a vast conglomerate community in which all peoples and racial stocks live in comparative brotherhood . . ."

"The embarrassment of a Graham campaign will be heightened by the fact that the Protestant people are very much in a minority in this Babylon. The Catholics and Jews outnumber the Protestants, and there are, besides, a great number of secularized Jews and gentiles, who have some vague connection with a traditional faith but who cannot simply be put into the category of the 'godless' who must be reclaimed . . . Not only will Graham's 'message' be unable to reach these people at any significant point . . . but the Graham revival will actually accentuate every prejudice which the modern 'enlightened,' but morally sensitive, man may have against religion . . ."

"Billy Graham will get a few thousand 'decision' cards signed. There will be a great hullabaloo on radio and television. And the church will again sink into 'innocuous desuetude,' from which it hoped Billy would rescue it. Haven't the Protestant leaders of the city thought of these hazards? Or have they decided that a little publicity and organized evangelistic effort is such a great boon, that the price of presenting Christianity as a series of simple answers to com-

plex questions is a good bargain?"

—TIME, MARCH 12, 1956

Again It Is Modernist Versus Fundamentalist, Believer Versus Unbeliever

Several points are worth noting briefly in this attack on Billy Graham.

1. It is by Reinhold Niebuhr and John C. Bennett, two of the best-known and most outspoken modernists in the world. Neither of them even pretends to believe that the Bible is the verbally inspired and reliable Word of God. Neither of them pretends to believe the historic Christian faith. They are not evangelicals, not fundamentalists, and do not claim to be, as common people everywhere understand the terms.

2. It is not surprising that there is a subtle sneer in the statement of these men. Billy Graham, they say, has "considerable dramatic and demagogic gifts." He has "a rather obscurantist version of the Christian faith. His message is not completely irrelevant . . . But it approaches irrelevance."

3. Notice, too, that the word, "conversions," is put in quotation marks. Other people speak of conversions so they have quoted, but they do not believe it. Also "Christian message" is put in quotations, by which they mean that what Billy Graham calls the Christian message is not that to them.

"Sins" about which Billy will preach they also put in quotations. They do not believe what Billy Graham preaches as sin is really sin. "Godless" is another term put in quotation. They do not believe that the nice moral people, in the churches but unconverted, whom Billy Graham will call "godless" are really that.

4. Notice that these modernists say that there are some "who are sorely in need of a confrontation with the living God as revealed in Christ . . . This is familiar terminology of modernists. They say Christ is not God, was not born of a virgin, was not pre-existent. He is not the one foretold in the Old Testament. He did not pay for man's sins on the cross. But they say that the Spirit and that He, by His love, revealed God. But that is a far cry from what Billy Graham preaches. Billy Graham preaches not just that man must be confronted with God as revealed in Christ, but that he must take Christ as his own Saviour and depend upon Him for redemption and salvation. And they lament the fact that Billy Graham will not simply confront a few souls with God as revealed in Christ! Rather, Billy Graham will go all out to win people to trust in Christ in the New Testament fashion for salvation, as commanded in the Great Commission.

And these modernists bitterly complain at the Bible-believing preachers who bring Billy Graham to Manhattan, and say Billy Graham will give "simple answers to complex questions." Christ and re-

generation by the blood are simple answers. They want more complex answers than that!

We believe that the fight of the modernists against Billy Graham and his fundamental stand for the truth will clear the air everywhere. It is reassuring to know that even the most violent unbelievers recognize Billy Graham as an out-and-out Bible believer and Bible preacher of this historic Christian Gospel. And let all of us pray for him and rejoice in his blessed, Spirit-anointed ministry.

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Modern Science and . . . Youth . . .

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so-called scholarly classes are becoming infidel to the ancient and traditional faith of America, and there are breakers ahead! How many parents have sent their sons and daughters to college with hearts of faith, and received them back practical infidels, the records will never show, but the aggregate number is appalling. Students in many cases laugh at the church and sneer at Christian faith because it is "not scientific," and turn their backs on godly living and holiness of conduct, to make shipwreck of their lives as they drift away from every mooring that would hold in times of stress. Without faith what can science do for the soul? The answer startled the world these few months past when two prize students in a famous university killed a lad with brutality and violence, as a scientific experiment! and were defended by an avowed and rank atheist. This was only logical, for atheism and violence always go hand in hand.

"Modern" science brings certain specific accusations against the church of Jesus Christ, and as a scientist I have examined the indictment. In the course of this examination I found that the "modern scientists" are guilty of every charge they lay at the door of the church! One by one we will examine them, and see how "modern" science betrays the trust of youth.

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But "modern" science is guilty of this very charge! More bitter by far than any conflict of church sects is the armed battle between various camps of "modern" science!

The paleontologists are at war with the geologists!

In the issue of *Science* dated February 8, 1924, (Vol. 59, No. 1519) there is an interesting case of "modern" science in the article labeled "Gizzard Stones of Dinosaurs Exhibited." In this article Dr. Willis T. Lee makes the statement that "the Dinosaurs of ancient times were the lineal progenitors of the modern fowls." He bases this surprising statement on the fact that the ancient Dinosaurs had a gizzard, and the modern chicken has a gizzard, so the chicken must be the lineal descendant of the Dinosaur! He says "all wise folks know this." So

speaks the geologist.

Then in the issue of *Science* dated March 14, 1924, (Vol. 59, No. 1524) a noted paleontologist takes exception to this statement, and starts the war of words. Dr. Junius Henderson, of the University of Colorado, enters the lists for scientific accuracy, and in a few remarkably well chosen words knocks the positive assertions of Dr. Lee into a cocked hat! Dr. Henderson calls attention to the fact that these fossil animals may not have had a gizzard at all! That gastroliths, or gizzard stones, found with fossil bones are not a proof of a pre-historic gizzard, as gastroliths are today found in the stomachs of many animals that have no gizzard! as for instance the seals, sea lions, some snakes and lizards. Dr. Henderson continues:

"ALSO THE UNQUALIFIED STATEMENT THAT BIRDS ARE THE LINEAL DESCENDANTS OF DINOSAURS WILL INCLINE MANY TO WONDER JUST WHO PROVED THIS AND HOW! THE TERM HAS VERY EXACT SIGNIFICANCE AND THE RELATIONSHIP IT SUGGESTS HAS CERTAINLY NOT BEEN DEMONSTRATED IN THIS CASE."

So the scientific sect of the paleontologists are at odds with the sect called geologists!

The sect of the geologists have their innings, however, when they take a swat at the sect of the anthropologists. In another issue of *Science*, (which, by the way, is the official weekly organ of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and so therefore authoritative;) an article appeared by Dr. Hrdlicka, anthropologist of the Smithsonian Institution. The title of the article is "THE ANTIQUITY PHANTOM IN AMERICAN ARCHAEOLOGY." I consider it one of the most scientific articles on archaeological procedure to appear in twenty years. Dr. Holmes decries the highly colored tales of amateur scientists, and says they are soon forgotten, but "when geological chronology is appealed to by explorers, whose statements and conclusions find a place in scientific journals, the case becomes more serious and deserves more than a passing notice." Then he refers to an article published in the *American Journal of Science* by F. B. Loomis, who thinks he has proved the Pleistocene ancestry of man! After a remarkable analysis of the insufficient evidence and an arraignment of the unwarranted conclusions drawn therefrom, Dr. Holmes lays out the geologists in these words:

"GEOLOGISTS ARE SLOW TO RECOGNIZE THE FACTS THAT HUMAN RELICS BELONGING ON OR NEAR THE SURFACE ARE LIABLE TO INTRUSION BY VARIOUS MEANS INTO OLDER UNDERLYING DEPOSITS AND THAT TO CONSIDERABLE DEPTHS."

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qaunted with current science, Dr. Hrdlicka is rated as the greatest living American anthropologist and the peer of any living anywhere. In this article Dr. Hrdlicka decries the wild guesses of some enthusiastic excavators in Florida, who upon no real evidence gleefully announce the finding of human relics several million years old! This noted authority says it is not so: we have no American relics anywhere in the United States much older than three thousand years!

This man is an authority, he ought to know. But in a subsequent issue of *Science*, a geologist from the University of Texas attacks the statement of Dr. Hrdlicka, and says he cannot know what he is talking about: ONLY THE GEOLOGIST CAN SPEAK ON A QUESTION OF TIME!

Then the sect of the archaeologists takes a whack at the geologists. In the issue of *Science* dated September 18, 1925, (Vol. 62, No. 1603) there is a valuable and scientifically illuminating article by Dr. W. H. Holmes, archaeologist of the Smithsonian Institution. The title of the article is "THE ANTIQUITY PHANTOM IN AMERICAN ARCHAEOLOGY." I consider it one of the most scientific articles on archaeological procedure to appear in twenty years. Dr. Holmes decries the highly colored tales of amateur scientists, and says they are soon forgotten, but "when geological chronology is appealed to by explorers, whose statements and conclusions find a place in scientific journals, the case becomes more serious and deserves more than a passing notice." Then he refers to an article published in the *American Journal of Science* by F. B. Loomis, who thinks he has proved the Pleistocene ancestry of man! After a remarkable analysis of the insufficient evidence and an arraignment of the unwarranted conclusions drawn therefrom, Dr. Holmes lays out the geologists in these words:

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II. Modern Science Is Dogmatic

The second charge laid at the door of the church is dogmatism. So I take the challenge, and after careful study I find MODERN SCIENCE IS DOGMATIC. First I find that the dogmatism of modern science is evidenced in the frequent statements of unproven theories as proved fact.

The church may be dogmatic on points of doctrine that have weathered the storms of critical inquiry for centuries of time; but it is inexcusable when "scientists" dogmatize on unproven and unprovable theory. More than ever is this dangerous practice reprehensible when this dogmatic error is offered in place of faith and truth, and given in exchange for the one safeguard of life! The youth of the land are today asked to leave their anchorage on the Rock of Ages for a footing in the slime of "scientific" lies!

Many, many times we hear theory stated in absolute and positive terms of flat fact. The animal ancestry of man: definite ages in terms of years for rock systems and strata: ages of fossil relics no man can date! These and many others are cases in point.

The first, the dogmatic statement of man's animal origin, has never been proved. Not only that, but recent scientific discoveries have made the theory scientifically untenable. The old argument of the dogmatic teacher: "all authorities agree;" is not acceptable as evidence any more. I looked up seven of those quoted "authorities" one time, and they all quoted Haeckel! They agreed, all

right, but all they agreed upon was that Haeckel had said a certain thing!

The second, the ages of systems of rocks so ancient no man can know even remotely the time of their origin, passes the realm of the scientific for that of the ridiculous.

A guide in the Yellowstone Park was showing a party of geologists the famous obsidian cliffs there. One of the party, to test the guide, asked, "How old are these cliffs?" The guide replied without hesitation: "Fifty thousand and six years old!" Somewhat taken aback the scientist said, "How do you know so accurately?" and the guide replied, "I came here six years ago, and they were fifty thousand years old then!"

No more scientific and hardly less humorous was the case of the professor of geology in a college in California. (Name on request!) One day a member of his geology class asked him, "Professor, how do you determine the age of a stratum of rock?" The professor replied, "The age of a stratum of rock is determined by the fossils it contains." Ten days later the student asked, "How do you know the age of a fossil?" Forgetting the former question the professor said: "THE AGE OF A FOSSIL IS DETERMINED BY THE ROCK IN WHICH IT IS FOUND!"

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Compare the two questions and answers and see the folly of scientific dogmatism.)

It is generally conceded that the fossil records were all formed ages before the appearance of man. The truth of this concession is not the case in point here. I call attention to the scientist's own belief to discredit his dogmatism. How can a man know the ages of fossils formed "millions of years" before there was a man? So when we read of rock and fossil records dated in exact terms of years, we face a simple case of pure dogmatic "guessiology."

III. "Modern" Science Is Frequently Mistaken!

The scientific critic of the church laughs at the funny mistakes we have made in the past, but the most ridiculous errors possible have been and are being made by "modern" science. *This however, never deters them from making the same gross claims in absolute finality of sureness; they never seem to learn.*

The mistakes of "science" are many and varied. Let me name a few. One old gentleman, some years ago, said the Bible was wrong and not infallible, because it said the children of Israel were to be as countless as the stars of the heavens. This he said was an error, as there were just one hundred and eighty-five thousand stars, and there were more Jews than that living in just his own city! Was he right? As to the number of Jews he may have been, as to the number of stars he was not. There are now known to be three hundred and sixty-five million solar systems; we know of one hundred and fifty thousand million "stars" and that does not take in the individuals of the spiral nebulae!

The distance to the stellar bodies has been measured on the mechanics of the Newtonian theory; but now they have measured again on the mechanics of the Einstein theory, for they have learned Newton was wrong.

Some years ago in the East a storm tore away the scarp of a hill and revealed the skeletons of some twenty-five adult male human beings. The find was examined by a company of eminent scientists, who said it was a most important discovery, as they were all buried in Pleistocene formation, and were undoubtedly a hundred and fifty thousand years old at the very least! The fame of this discovery was quickly spread, and an old man came down from the hills to see them. When he saw these ancient skeletons he began to laugh, and pressed for a reason for his mirth, said, "My folks were among the first settlers in this region, and my father pioneered this section. The few whites had great difficulties with the marauding bands of bad Indians who stole their stock and did worse, and one day the white folks ambushed these Indians, killed twenty-five or thirty, and buried them there. That was about seventy years ago!"

I have in my possession a petrified human skull I excavated in the swamps of southeastern Missouri, where the Ozark Mountains begin to rise. This was a wonderful find; and many geologists looked at it with interest. I still have it in my extensive collection, and intend to keep it. When I first showed it to my geological friends I asked how old it was, and they unhesitatingly agreed it was at least twenty-five thousand years old. This on the basis of the number of years it would take to petrify. The truth of this matter is, THIS SKULL CANNOT BE OLDER THAN TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY YEARS, AS I FOUND BURIED WITH IT SOME OLD-FASHIONED HAND HAMMERED WROUGHT IRON NAILS! The colonial blacksmiths made many such on their anvils; but not twenty-five thousand years ago! Some poor misguided Indian traded all his furs and treasures for these iron nails, and they buried these, his richest treasure, with him.

AND THIS IS THE INFALLIBLE SCIENCE THAT WOULD ASSAIL THE VERY WORD OF

GOD, ROB YOUTH OF ITS FAITH AND HOPE AND SECURITY, AND WHICH THE "SCHOLARLY CLASSES" SO BLINDLY FOLLOW!—SUCH MIRACLES OF CREDULITY RELIGION HAS SURELY NEVER SEEN.

There is, however, a far more serious indictment of "modern" science than any of this.

IV. "Modern" Science Is Anti-Christian!

Here are the seeds of chaos and national failure. It will be too late to cry "God help America" when the harvest of scientific infidelity is ripe, all we can then do is reap. I recognize the serious nature of the awful words I have penned here, but I repeat, solemnly, thoughtfully, "modern" science is anti-Christian. Let me submit a proof or two. I shall ask these men to speak for themselves.

Dr. W. P. Barbellion:

"How I hate the man who talks about the 'Brute' creation with an ugly emphasis on the word brute! As for me, I am proud of my close kinship with other animals. I take a jealous pride in my Simian (monkey) ancestry, I like to think I was once a magnificent hairy fellow living in the trees, and that my frame came down through geological ages of time via sea jelly—and worms—an amphioxus—fish, dinosaurs, and apes! WHO WOULD EXCHANGE THESE FOR THE PALLID COUPLE IN THE GARDEN OF EDEN?"

(Author's Note: I would! My ancestors were all white, or pallid, and I want no wormy grandads! I'll take Adam and Eve and leave the professor the fishing worms!)

Next take a look at these words from page 15, *The Making of Humanity* by Robert Briffault.

"The self-creation of the progeny of the ape, by the sole operation of his inherent qualities and powers, by the unfolding of what was in him, *The Ape; The Brute—The Beast—The Savage, unaided by any external power*; in the face of the buffets of hostile Nature, of the intractabilities of his own constitution; into Man!—the Thinker—the Deviser—the aspirer after truth and justice; GREATER IN HIS ACHIEVEMENTS AND IDEALS THAN ALL THE GODS HE IS CAPABLE OF CONCEIVING—

"IF THERE IS A FACT BEFORE WHICH WE MAY TRULY BOW IN SILENT WONDER AND REVERENCE, IT IS THIS!"

Is this anti-Christian? Man himself greater than God! Greater in achievements! Greater even in ideals! Oh, man, greater than God, bow down and worship—YOURSELF! Then read Isaiah 14:12-14.

"And thou hast said in thy heart; I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God . . . I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High! THEREFORE, thou shalt be brought down to Sheol (Hell) to the uttermost parts of the pit."

Much more of this evidence lies before me as I write; I have neither the space nor the heart to write more. When I remember that the students of America are fed this soulblasting and satanic doctrine day after day, my heart fails me because of the danger to the entire nation and the lost condition of the poor misled souls that follow these teachings. "Modern" science, the fetish of youth, is anti-Christian.

The final count in the indictment is that

V. "Modern" Science Leads Youth Astray!

Five years ago when we listened to the testimony of college students, the tale had a monotonous similarity; leaving Christian homes they were suddenly exposed to the anti-Christian teaching of the teachers they thought were dependable, and following them in blind ignorance they gave up their old-fashioned faith for the new-fangled infidelity. Now the same story is told by many high school students, and the effect of these

false teachings is being felt in even the lowest grades of the American public schools. *Why not? The average school teacher is today teaching just what he or she learned while in college;* and if the college students of a few years ago were taught infidelity, that is what they are passing on.

I recently talked with a judge of the United States Circuit Court, who had just been back to his alma mater on a visit, the first since graduation. He was received as an honored guest, a famous "old grad;" and was made to feel at home. He spoke a few words in the assembly, words of faith and trust. After the assembly he dropped into a science class, and was in time to hear the professor make some facetious remarks about the "old fossil who talked in chapel." The professor's remarks were so well received by the class he felt encouraged to go on, and he sneered at the virgin birth of Jesus Christ, called Him a martyr who died for a foolish ideal, scoffed at His resurrection, and rudely jested about His return. The old judge rose in indignation to defend the Lord Jesus, and the class jeered him to silence! He said he was so amazed he went on a tour of investigation, and he said he found "the faith, manners and morals" of the student body were gone.

A number of years ago, a lad in college was accused of a serious crime and tried in court. There were seven reputable men of science, nationally known and respected, who testified against him; and upon their testimony he was found guilty and sentenced to life in the penitentiary. Five years later new evidence was discovered that showed the seven men of science were mistaken in their testimony, and the lad was released. But he had lost five years of his life, and was a hardened, embittered jail bird!

Now this is a parable. It never happened, BUT SOMETHING A THOUSAND-FOLD WORSE DID! Lads and lasses by the hundreds left their homes to attend college, where reputable men of

standing and scientific authority testified to them that their Christian faith was simply a myth, and robbing them of confidence in the Bible and trust in Jesus Christ. THEY HAVE CONDEMNED THEM TO HELL FOR EVER! WHAT A TRAGEDY THAT WHEN THE "NEW EVIDENCE" IS DISCOVERED THAT SHOWS THE "MODERN" SCIENTIST IS MISTAKEN, IT IS TOO LATE TO SAVE THE SOULS OF THOSE WHO IMPLICITLY BELIEVED THE TESTIMONY OF SOLEMNLY AUTHENTICATED LIES!

WHY GIVE UP THE UNCHANGING WORD OF GOD THAT HAS WEATHERED THE CRITICAL STORMS OF AGES, FOR THE OPINIONS OF MEN OF SCIENCE, WHO WILL THEMSELVES FORSAKE THESE SAME OPINIONS EVERY THIRTY DAYS FOR SOMETHING ELSE?

When the "modern" scientists all agree as touching their theories, and prove those theories to be facts, when they keep those unchanging for two thousand years—we will have some faith in them!

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PREACH THE WORD IN SEASON AND OUT, HOLD FAST TO THE TRUTH OF GOD'S WORD, AND IN TIME MODERN SCIENCE WILL CATCH UP TO THE FACTS AND TRUTH OF THE BIBLE. OH, CHRISTIAN, KEEP THAT WHICH IS COMMITTED TO THY TRUST; "AVOIDING PROFANE AND VAIN BABBLINGS; AND THE OPPOSITIONS OF SCIENCE FALSELY SO CALLED!"

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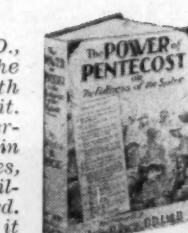
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But sin not only destroys human bodies; it destroys human minds. In the last generation the state of Arkansas has had to enlarge its insane asylum more than fourfold in one generation! I was talking one day to the superintendent of that institution and I said to him, "What brings these people here? What causes this trouble?" He said, "Preacher, ninety-five percent of it is sin." He said, "It is caused by their own sins or by the sins of those who went before them." The wages of sin is death.

Sin destroys homes. Go to the divorce courts of America and see them grinding out their awful toll of human wreckage. I care not what the cause that brings on a divorce, nor who is to blame nor who is not—it can not happen without hurting everybody who is concerned in it.

One of the finest women that I had in my church when I was a pastor in Texas had her home broken by sin when her little boy was just a baby. She took that child and, facing life with a broken heart, tried to bring him up for the Lord. One of the last things she told me after her boy was grown and married was, "Brother Hankins, as hard as I have fought, I just could not do it by myself. And the boy's life is a wreck." She said, "I tell you, nobody can go through the divorce mill and ever be the same again."

J. Edgar Hoover, head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, made a speech some time ago, in which he said that seventy-five per cent of the youthful criminals of America are from broken homes. Sin destroys.

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When I was a pastor in Texas, I walked down the street one day and when I turned a corner, I saw a man walking up and down the sidewalk. I wondered what it meant. He was looking across the street at a little cottage as he walked back and forth. I passed him by. Down at the corner, I met his beautiful little four-year-old girl. She came up to me and said, "Mommy doesn't love Daddy any more." She said, "Mommy has gone off with another man." Five years before, this young man and this young woman, two of the finest young people in town, had married. A year later this splendid little girl came and they were radiantly happy. When this little girl was born, the young man's father gave them this little bungalow for their home, and for nearly four years that little home was a bit of Heaven with that ray of sunshine that came in to bless it. But one day the mother tampered with sin. Soon she had ventured out into it; and in a year's time the man was walking up and down the sidewalk, twirling that door key in his finger and a little golden-haired girl was saying, "Mommy doesn't love Daddy any more."

Oh, why do people tamper with sin! Why can't people learn that sin does not pay!

2. Sin Makes a Man an Enemy of God

Not only is sin destructive but sin makes a man an enemy of God. It is rebellion against God. It is defiance of God. Man was made for God's glory. And if man would just turn himself over to God, God would make life wonderful and glorious and sweet and happy and rich. Why will a man pursue a course that makes him an enemy to God? Like Daniel said to Belshazzar, "The God in whose hand thy breath is, and whose are all thy ways, hast thou not glorified?"

Every man in this town who is in sin tonight is absolutely dependent upon God for every breath he breathes; dependent upon God for every heartbeat that keeps him alive, dependent upon God for his food and raiment—how quickly God can take it away—he is dependent upon God for his health; and yet he will use that health and strength that God gives him to defy God. He will turn his back on God and use the breath that God gives him to take God's name in vain. Oh, what sin will do to a man!

3. Sin Makes a Man an Enemy of His Own Loved Ones

Sin makes man the worst enemy that his own loved ones ever had. I have seen thousands of Christian women carry a broken heart day after day, week after week, month after month because they had unloved husbands who would not listen to their pleas and their prayers to stand by their side in the home. And the wife had to fight that battle alone to bring up for God the children who came into that home, to stand alone between them and the Devil, literally bleeding her life away. I tell you, it is not fair for a man to stand at the marriage altar and let that woman give him herself and her name and every thing in the world—her life from then on is dependent upon him; her happiness is in his hands, and he has taken a solemn vow to stand by her in sickness, in health, in poverty, in adversity, in whatever life may hold—and then to fail her in the thing that means more to her than everything else in life. It is not fair when she is trying to make a Christian home for her children, trying to bring them up for God, trying to fight the Devil and keep him away from their door, for that man not to stand in there with

her. But not only will he not do that, but one of the saddest things about it is that in many cases, he is simply tearing down all the time the thing she is fighting for, and his influence on her children is leading them the other way. I tell you, a man who will do that is the worst enemy that a woman ever had. No one in the world can ever do anything to her that will break her heart like that. And yet she loves him better than life itself. How can a man do it? You know, I have seen only two cases in my life where a man stood for God and his wife did not stand with him. Just two cases. What does that mean? That simply means that she is fairer than he is. It means that when he stands in there for God, more than ninety-nine times out of one hundred she will stand with him. Many a man has failed a wife and broken her heart, and sent that wife to an untimely grave because he failed her here.

And then, the sinner is not only an enemy to his wife, but he is an enemy to his own children. I would rather anybody would do anything on earth to my two girls than to lead them to Hell. You say,

and the law says, that if a man comes in and steals the character of a girl, the father would be justified in taking his life. But I tell you, I had a thousand times rather a man would do that than for somebody to lead one of those little girls to Hell. Nobody could do anything to one of my girls that would be half as tragic as to lead them from God and to Hell for eternity. Yet many a man is leading his own children to Hell over the prayers of his wife.

Besides all this the cruellest thing a person could do to those who love him best is to live and die without God and go to Hell and leave them without any hope of ever seeing him again. Death is hard enough at best. It is hard enough to follow the body of a child out yonder to the grave and put it away when you know he has gone to Heaven. It is hard enough to say the last good-by to mother or father or to husband or wife of brother or sister whom you know has gone to Heaven. But when you have to say the last good-by and know that they have gone to Hell and you have no comfort and no hope, I tell you, you could not do anything to those who love you that would be half as cruel as that.

When I was a pastor out in Texas, I sat by the bedside one day

while an old man eighty years of age breathed out his last. I was on one side of the bed and his son, who was then about thirty-five years old and a fine Christian man, sat on the other side. He held one of his father's hands while I held the other as the old man died. When the old man breathed his last this young man stood up by the side of that bed as his great strong body shook with sobs. He fell right across his dead father's body and began to cry out, "Oh, papa, why did you do it? Why did you do it?" I walked around on the other side of the bed and put my arms around him and I said, "Old fellow, don't take it like that. The time comes when all of us must give up our parents." He looked up at me and said, "You don't know and you never will know for your mother and father are both Christians." He said, "I gave up mother seven years ago, but when mother died, it wasn't like this. Mama was a Christian. Mama has gone to Heaven. But, Brother Hankins, I will never see Papa again. He has gone to Hell." And then again he fell across that body and said, "O Papa, why did you do it?"

In contrast to that, in a few days after that I had the funeral

of another man in that town. His wife and thirteen-year-old girl came by to look in the casket in the altar of that church. The girl leaned over the casket, took the dead man's face in her two hands and kissed it and wet it with tears and finally she patted his cheeks and said, "Good-by, Daddy." And then she looked up at her mother and said, "No, no, it isn't good-by, Daddy, it is just good-night, Daddy, we will see you in the morning." Then she looked up at me and said, "Brother Hankins, we don't have to tell him good-by because he is a Christian and we will see him again."

4. Sin Is Retributive

One of the saddest things about sin is that you have to pay off. O

my friend, payday comes. Don't

think that you can beat it. You

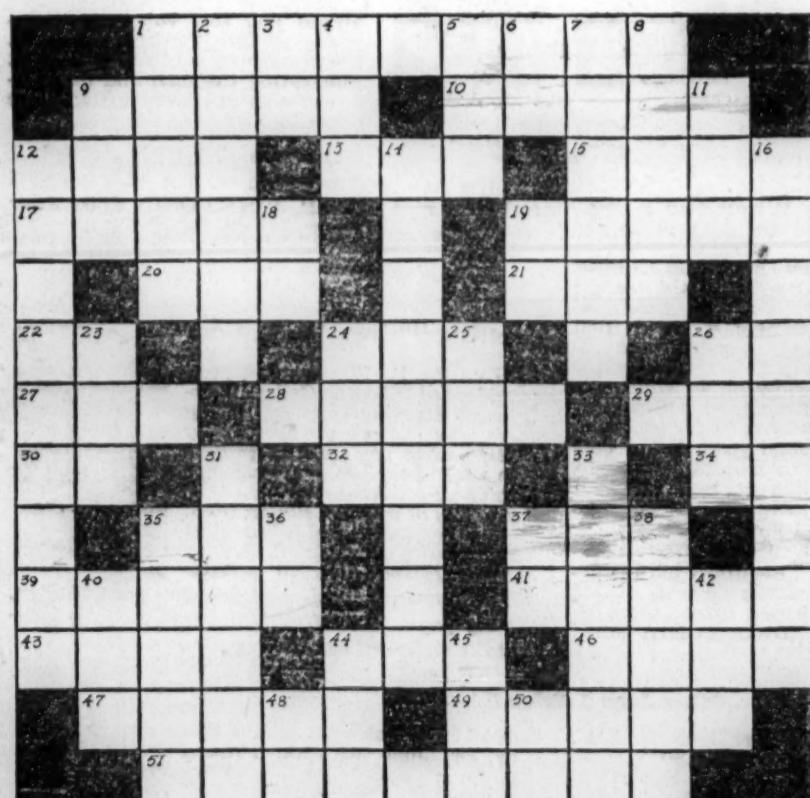
cannot do it. And to me one of the

saddest things about payday is

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Puzzle Deadline Changed!

By Aunt Jessie



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3. To receive the booklet, *Crossing the Deadline*, your entry must be postmarked by midnight, SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 1956. The answer to Puzzle No. 18 will appear in the April 20 issue of THE SWORD OF THE LORD.

In response to the many letters and requests we have received for more time, we are adding two more days before the deadline date. This will give those of you who live in congested postal areas and on rural routes a little more time to get your puzzles filled in and returned. PUZZLE NO. 18 IN THIS ISSUE, MUST BE POSTMARKED BY SATURDAY, APRIL 14, instead of Thursday, April 12. We trust this will be an additional help to many of you.

The book we offer this week free for those who get puzzle No. 18 complete and correct is Editor John R. Rice's *Crossing the Deadline*. This is a much needed message on the unpardonable sin—what it is, who commits it, how to know it. The booklet closes with a decision form for the unsaved. Don't miss this opportunity to get a copy free.

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CLEWS ACROSS

1 Paul had a vision and obeyed it to go to this place. (Acts 16:9)

9 A woman of Thyatira, a seller of purple

10 A disciple whose confession Christ praised. (Matt. 16:16)

12 Brownish red variety of chalcedony

13 Article

15 Melody

17 The philosopher's stone, Webster (— — — O —)

19 Same as Elijah

20 Short, brisk leap

21 Recline

22 Fifth month of the Jewish religious year; time of ripe figs.

24 The doubting disciple (Abbr.)

26 Note, musical syllable

27 Animal — prescribed sacrifice for trespass-offering

28 Job's second daughter. (Job 42:14)

29 Container, storage place

30 Pronoun

32 Thing of no account

34 Psalm (Abbr.)

35 King who was saved by prayer, in an invasion. (II Chron. 14:11)

37 Sea in which Egyptians drowned

39 Mohammedan name for the Supreme Being

41 One of King David's mighty men, who slew 800 at one time. (II Sam. 23:8)

43 An Egyptian city. Same as Memphis

44 Pronoun

46 Metal (Gen. 4:22)

47 Son of Bichri; a man of Belial. (II Sam. 20:1)

49 Orie (— — — T)

51 King of Macedonia (B.C. 336-323), also son of Simon who bore the cross to Golgotha

6 Direction (Abbr.)

7 Latin name for Italy

8 Eagle's nest

9 Boy

11 Long, narrow inlet

12 The one of ten lepers, who cured, thanked Jesus

14 Queen of King Hezekiah. (II Ki. 21:1)

16 It took place on Olivet, forty days after the Resurrection

18 Very soft (Musical Abbr.)

19 Elias (Abbr.)

23 Flying mammal mentioned often in the Old Testament

24 Number of virgins in the parable

25 The widow of Zarephath had some in a cruse. (I Ki. 17:12)

26 Cut stitches

31 "He was as light of foot as a wild roe." (II Sam. 2:18)

33 Roman urban official

35 The beginning

36 Exclamation

37 God of the Sun

38 More dreadful

40 Spanish article

42 Adverbial particle

44 Short, curved sword

45 Age

48 Exist

50 Rural delivery (Abbr.)

Answer to Puzzle Number 16

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The Precious Blood of Jesus

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that the innocent must suffer with the guilty.

Out in Texas where I was pastor, a beautiful twenty-year-old girl who was teaching school

at a nearby town, came home to spend the summer with her parents. When summer was over, she got on the train to go back to her little school. But during the last school term she had gone into sin and immorality. She realized as she neared the town where she was to teach that she could not go back, that in just a few months her sin must come out. And just before she got to the town she got off at a little village and waited until the next train came going back toward her home. She got on the train to go back home but the nearer she got to home, the more she realized that she did not have courage to face it. When the train pulled into her home town, she did not get off. Eight miles beyond there, the train stopped at the next town, and the porter found this girl in a stateroom on her face, dead. They brought her home. It was one of the saddest funerals I ever witnessed. When the old grayhaired mother came by the casket to tell her baby girl good-bye, she stood there and said, "Oh, my baby! my baby!"

One morning three months later the father awoke and mother was not in bed. He said, "Mother is up mighty early this morning for some reason." He called, wondering if she were sick. She did not answer. He got up and began to search about the house and call more loudly, but there was no answer. After awhile he noticed a little note on the dresser. He walked over, picked it up and read it: "Daddy, I just simply could not stand it any longer. You will find my body in the cistern." He went out in the yard, looked down into the cistern and there was her body.

Oh, my friend, that is what sin does. And when payday comes—and it is coming—you cannot suffer alone; 'for no man lives to himself and no man dies to himself.' O the suffering and the heartache and the heartbreak in this old world! Sin has shed rivers of blood and oceans of tears. Sin is the most dangerous thing a person ever tampered with on this earth. You had better play with a diamond back rattlesnake than to tamper with sin.

Then the climax of sin, when it is finished, is death. It separates from God forever, and it damns a soul in Hell through an awful eternity.

II. What the Blood Does

But over against that black picture of sin, there is the blood of Jesus Christ. "The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." Take all the sin of the world, and imagine it, if you will, all collected in one great heap. Pile it up and up and up until it is like a mighty mountain peak that rears its head up into the sky, yea, to the very throne of God, and paint it with the midnight blackness of Hell—I will give you one sentence that will take it all away: "The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." Praise God.

*There is a fountain filled with blood,
Drawn from Immanuel's veins;
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood,
Lose all their guilty stains.*

Hear the Word of God: "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool" (Isa. 1:18). Isn't God's grace marvelous? Isn't the blood of Christ the greatest gift that was ever given to sin-cursed, wrecked, bruised and bleeding humanity?

1. The Blood Redeems

The word *redeemed* has a three-fold meaning. The first is to go into the market and purchase something.

It is a commercial term, used particularly of the pawnshop. You go into a pawnshop and leave an article there—pawn it—and go back with the price later and lay the price down and you redeem it. One day I was in the Devil's pawnshop and so were you, for we were sold under sin, every one of us. But, thank God, Jesus Christ en-

tered the Devil's pawnshop and laid down the price of His precious blood and purchased me, redeemed me. So the word *redemption* has another meaning, not only to purchase but to purchase out of. When Jesus Christ went into the Devil's pawnshop and laid down the price of my redemption, He not only purchased me from the Devil but purchased me out of the pawnshop. Thank God, He takes us out and sets us free.

The third meaning is *to loose*. And that means, my friend, that we are never to go back into the pawnshop again. Praise God that when it is done, the work is done forever. I am redeemed forever by the precious blood of Jesus! Not by silver and gold, for it is something which silver and gold could not do; but thank God, His blood can and does redeem forever.

There is a ceremony in the old Jewish ceremonial law that so beautifully pictures what the sacrifice of Christ does. On the day of atonement the high priest brought two goats—two live goats—and laid his hands upon their heads, and there confessed the sins of the people, symbolically laying all the sin of the congregation on the heads of the two goats. Then he took one of them and severed the veins in his throat, letting out the lifeblood, which he caught in a basin and took that hot blood into the holy of holies and sprinkled it on the mercy seat as an atonement for their sins. Thank God, one day Christ shed His blood on the old rugged cross. Can't you see it streaming down from the thorn-crowned brow, from His hands, His feet and His side and from His lacerated back until the whole cross is dyed with it? That is the price of our redemption. God is propitiated; man is reconciled. The remedy for sin has been provided; Jesus' blood is the all-sufficient remedy.

Then the high priest took the other goat and gave him to a trusted servant, who took that live goat and carried him to the back side of the desert and turned him loose, and left him there to wander about until he perished, bearing away the sins of the people, never to come back again, never to be seen again by the eyes of man. Oh, that is what John the Baptist meant when He said, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh [beareth] away the sin of the world." He not only bore my sins in His body on the cross; but thank God, like the scapegoat, He took them away, out yonder where they will never come back and where no eye shall ever see them again. Thank God, they are gone forever.

The old Negro was right when somebody said, "Is there anything God cannot do?" The old Negro said, "Yes there is one thing He can't do." Everybody was astonished and the questioner said, "You know there is nothing that God cannot do." The old Negro said, "Yes there is. There is one thing God can't do. God can't see my sins no more when they are under the blood." Oh, God says, 'I will put your sins behind my back and I will remember them against you no more forever.' (See Isa. 38:17, Heb. 10:17.) "The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin."

2. We Can Overcome the Devil by the Blood

And then, we overcome the Devil by the blood. Listen to what we read in Revelation 12:11, "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb."

There is another picture symbol in the Old Testament account of the night of the passover, which represents this same truth of overcoming by the blood. You see the blood not only on the lintels above the doors, but there is blood also on the two side posts of the doors. The blood on the lintels above is the blood that stands between Israel and God, between them and the wrath of God against whom they have sinned. But, thank God, there is not only blood on the lintels of the doors, but there is blood on the side posts, that is between them and the world, the flesh and the Devil. Thank God for the precious blood of Jesus Christ.

Isn't it great to be saved?

Not only do we overcome the Devil here by the blood of Christ, but John saw him completely overcome and driven into Hell by the

cross. Hear it! "And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, And cast him into the bottomless pit . . ." The Devil, that old deceiver, is cast into that pit, and the angel turns the key. Do you know what I think that key is? I think it is the cross. For the day when Jesus died on the cross was the beginning of the end for the Devil. God had promised in the Garden of Eden that the seed of the woman would bruise the serpent's head, and that bruise to the head means death. The Devil's death warrant was signed and sealed that day when Jesus looked up into the Father's face and said, "It is finished." One day we found our way to the cross. We were washed in His blood and redeemed out of the Devil's pawnshop; and by that blood we will overcome him, thank God, and will be more than conquerors.

The blood, the blood, the precious blood that cleanses from all sin! How do you receive it? Just one word is enough. Accept by faith His finished work. Do not try to add anything to it. It does not need it. It is enough. Do not try to add any of your works to it. It does not need them. Do not try to add ordinances to it. Do not try to add church membership to it. Do not put a priest between you and it. For the veil of the temple has been rent in twain from top to bottom, and everything that stands between the soul and God has been removed and the holy of holies has been thrown wide open. Come by way of the cross, "For there is . . . one mediator between God and man." Accept the finished work of Jesus Christ by faith, and it is done, the transaction is done.

The Editor Adds an Appeal and a Decision Blank

Dear reader, you have read Dr. Hankins' deeply moving sermon. You are impressed, surely, with the terrible things sin does, and are glad to see what the precious blood of Christ can do. Are you saved? Have all your sins been put under the blood, by trusting Jesus Christ for forgiveness and salvation? If you have not definitely and once for all committed your heart to Christ; if you have not before this accepted Him as your own personal Saviour, by a definite transaction, will you not do so today, right now? Here I add a decision blank.

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Then, third, will you either write me in your own words, or clip this coupon, and mail it, or copy this statement and mail it to me?

Thus will I know you are saved, which will make me very happy; I will write Dr. Hankins of your decision, which will rejoice his heart, and then I will write you a personal letter of counsel and encouragement, and will send helpful literature. So decide and let me know at once if you will this very day accept Christ and trust in His blood to cover all your sins and save your soul.

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Evangelist John R. Rice, Editor
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Dear Brother Rice:

I have read Dr. Hankins' sermon, "The Precious Blood of Jesus" in THE SWORD OF THE LORD. I confess to God that I am a sinner, unsaved till now. Here and now I repent of my sins, I accept Christ as my own personal Saviour and trust Him today to forgive all my sins and save my soul. I will confess Christ as my Saviour and by His help I purpose to live for Him the remainder of my life.

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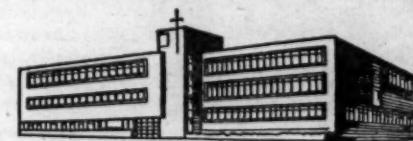
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